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THE NAVAL CHRONICLE.

" In native Vigour bold, by Freedom led,
" No Path of Honour have they failed to tread;
" But, while they wisely plan, and bravely dare,
" Their own Achievements are their latest Care." HAYLEY.

To the Public.

WE are at length enabled to present our PLAN at your Tribunal:—as it professes to occupy a space, hitherto greatly neglected, to contain the principles of a Work, new both in its tendency and design; we request that Patronage, which it shall be our pride to merit by our exertions, and to secure by the liberal mode in which our Work will be conducted.

In common with the rest of our Countrymen, we have long beheld, with exultation, the progress of our NAVAL POWER. It has grown up with the dignity of the British Name, and has attained a Colossal Stature, that appals our Enemies, and awes the surrounding Nations. What the venerable CAMDEN, in the year 1605, said *concerning Britaine*, is still, and we trust ever will be, descriptive of its character:—

It is walled and guarded with the Ocean, most commodious for trafficke to all parts of the World; and watered with pleasant fishful and navigable rivers, which yeild safe havens and roads, and furnished with shipping and sailers, that it may rightly be termed *The Lady of the Sea*.

A Work, therefore, comprehending all the Naval Circumstances of Great Britain, must be interesting to its inhabitants. We have laid an extensive basis: and can assure our Readers, that the structure we shall

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shall raise upon it, will, at least, be such as every true and loyal subject shall approve.

Mr. N. Pocock, of *Great George-Street*, Westminster, having engaged in the undertaking, Engravings by able Artists, from his Designs, will be given in each Number, which will always contain Two Plates, or One and a Map, or Chart. These designs of Mr. Pocock will present to our Readers correct VIEWS OF NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS—DRAWINGS, with Shipping, of different Coasts and Harbours—PORTRAITS of celebrated Ships—Different Parts of the Ship in detail—&c. To give sufficient scope for the Drawings of this Gentleman, we have determined to print the Work on a *Royal Octavo* Paper; and we trust that the Price of *Half a Crown* for each Number will not be thought unreasonable.

Our LITERARY Department embraces every subject connected with *THE NAVY*; and, we presume, will often be enriched by the Communications of Naval Friends.

Our BIOGRAPHY shall be executed with delicacy, and correctness, and possess all the variety which a periodical Work will allow. PORTRAITS of NAVAL OFFICERS will occasionally be introduced, when we have an opportunity of making Engravings from original Pictures. To steer clear of error will be our anxious wish and constant endeavour; but as we may sometimes be deluded by well-intended but inaccurate Information, we will immediately and thankfully correct any faults that may be pointed out, or add any improvements that may be communicated, to us.

The difficulty which a Naval Officer experiences, when confined to the limits of his station, of becoming acquainted with what is going on amid the Literary and Philosophical World, will induce us to give a Review, with Extracts, of the principal Works that are published, interesting to the Naval Profession. We trust that the Leisure of the Mariner will be cheered, and improved by that variety of Information which we shall be enabled to furnish. Whatever tends to elucidate *THE HISTORY OF THE NAVY*, will be constantly brought forward; and we hope, by this means, to preserve and make known many papers, that would otherwise be irrecoverably lost.

The Proprietors have it in contemplation, as opportunity offers, and success encourages them, to give, in the course of the Work, a
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correct HISTORY OF VOYAGES. We intend also to trace the Progress of our Maritime Power from its Origin, to the splendid Achievements of the present day.

Whatever notice is sent us of New Publications relating to the NAVY, will be immediately inserted; by which means the Authors of them will be enabled to make their Works generally known.

NAUTICAL POEMS, and other POETRY, on Naval subjects, which have long formed a peculiar feature in our National Character, and come home to every British Heart, will be carefully collected.

The Commerce of GREAT BRITAIN is intimately connected with our present Subject, and will occasionally come under our consideration.

To call the attention of the Mariner to such objects of NATURAL HISTORY, as may often present themselves to him, will also be a part of our Duty.

All Treatises, or Essays, which relate to NAVAL ARCHITECTURE, and the IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION, will be particularly considered. Nor will any subject that may render

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an USEFUL, INSTRUCTIVE, and INTERESTING WORK, be omitted.

SUCH are the Outlines of our PLAN; and we shall leave the Periodical Work, are often employed to attract the Public Notice. Much of our success will necessarily depend on the Patronage and Assistance of Professional Men: yet, as our WORK comprises what is so calculated to invite a general attention, we trust its pages will prove acceptable to all ranks.—Our designs of SEA VIEWS and NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS will, from their accuracy, prove an excellent source of instruction to all who wish to perfect themselves in NAVAL PERSPECTIVE. They will also enable others, whose avocations have not allowed them to contemplate the Grandeur of THE OCEAN, and the WOODEN WALLS OF OLD ENGLAND, to form a more just idea of these sublime objects.

In the present critical situation of GREAT BRITAIN, it behoves every one to afford whatever assistance is in his power to promote the
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general welfare, that the evil Designs of turbulent and restless Spirits may be defeated. Our principles are from THE OLD SCHOOL: they are decided and firm:—and we trust, that the Patrons of our Work will have no reason, in its progress, to disclaim them; or to withdraw the encouragement which they have promised.

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